

SUNDAY SERVICE
9 A.M. / FB LIVE 9:05 A.M.
BIBLE CLASS 10 A.M.
SUNDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY 6 P.M.
WEDNESDAY EVENING CLASS 6:30 P.M.

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Elders:
Sam Alexander Harold Johnson Scott Miller
Ken Collins Larry Keener

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OFFICE
HOURS:
MON-FRI
8AM-3PM

SERVICE & WORSHIP HELPERS FOR JANUARY 30
Sunday Service 9 a.m. / Bible class 10 a.m. & 6 p.m.
SERMON: Steve Powers
PRESIDE & PRAY 9 am: David Kernodle
SCRIPTURE: Jerry Peters
CLOSING PRAYER: Tim Haynes
SERVERS: INDIVIDUAL COMMUNION
SONGLEADER: 9 a.m. David Bell **6 p.m.** Clint Howard
SUNDAY & WED. USHERS: Carl Curtis & Robert Holt
TECH: Nathanael Smith * **NURSERY-** Harts & Bells
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2
DEVOTIONAL: Lucas Collins
ANNOUNCEMENTS: Richie Poe
PRAYER: Daniel Lance
SONGLEADER Jason Hart **TECH:** David Keown
Attendance: WED. JAN. 19 -46 - SUNDAY 01/23- 9 a.m. 185
BC: 0- 6 p.m.: 111 **Contribution** 01/23- \$9,844.05
Communion & Building: David Bell
JANUARY WORSHIP LEADER: Brian Calvert

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Family NEWS

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Eat, Drink & Be Merry

““You have plenty of good things laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry.”” --Luke 12:19

Eat, Drink and Be Merry : twisting an Old Testament idea

The modern phrase “Eat, drink and be merry, for tomorrow we die” has its roots in the pages of scripture, but there is nowhere in the bible where the saying can be found in the way most people use it today. In **Ecclesiastes 8 KJV** we read “A man hath no better thing under the sun, than to eat, and to drink, and to be merry” while the **NIV** tells us “Nothing is better for a man under the sun than to eat and drink and be glad.”. Jesus cites these words in the Parable of the Rich Fool (**Luke 12:19**). In the parable, the rich man has the good fortune to have a bumper harvest, decides to build new barns to house the crop and then sit back for the rest of his life, in self-indulgent laziness. What he doesn’t know is that he will die that first night. The man has wrongly assessed what life is about, and has twisted the original sense of the words, apparently believing he now has license to be lazy, selfish and self-indulgent. The same ideas can be found also in **Isaiah 22:13** (“Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die”) and in **1 Corinthians 15:32** (in exactly the same words).

I’ll say to myself

Jesus cleverly reveals to the parable reader the private thoughts of the rich man: “I’ll say to myself” (**v19**). We are thankful for this insight because it casts a light upon the self-indulgent thoughts that led to self-centered actions. Truth is: we are what we think, and the rich man’s take-life-easy thoughts led to his self-interested actions.

The “eat, drink and be merry” lifestyle permeates our modern culture. It seduces us: enticing us into an inwardly focused life – in constant pursuit of our own comfort and pleasures. Modern culture teaches us the lie that happiness comes through opulence and self indulgence. We often believe this lie, even while Jesus teaches: “It is more blessed to give than to receive” (**Acts 20:35**).

But not rich towards God (v21)

The primary flaw in the man’s thoughts and actions is in the neglect of “richness” towards God. Selfish pursuits often stand directly opposed to the pursuits of the things of God. The bible is filled with warnings about the allure of comfort and the pursuit of things. In the Parable of the Sower, Jesus warns, “. . .the worries of this life and deceitfulness of wealth choke it (the word) making it unfruitful” (**Matthew 13:22**.)

The lesson for us is clear: enjoy life but beware the choking effect of the “eat, drink and be merry” lifestyle.

Stephen Powers

Family News

Thank you from the Paragould Children's home

On behalf of all the children in our residential and foster care programs at Children's Homes, Inc., I want to thank you for helping make their Christmas season joyous. The outpouring of love we had the opportunity to witness was nothing short of mind-blowing. Thank you for demonstrating to them Godly love and generosity by sharing your blessings with them.

THANK YOU

Dear Church Family, your calls, visits, flowers and prayers have been a great comfort, in the passing away of our brother Randall. We are blessed by your love and support. Love, Carol and Elaine Murphy



YOUTH GROUP

BARNABUS
THE KIDS MADE BAGS FOR 3 WISHES FOR RUBY AND VISITED A COUPLE OF OUR MEMBERS

* WINTER WEATHER REMINDER *

Our building will be open at our regular meeting times for those who wish to worship and study together regardless of the weather conditions. We encourage members to use their own best judgement as to whether the local roads, as well as our sidewalks and parking lot, will allow safe attendance.

Prayer Request

CURRENT

Patrick Clark- *He is home now and doing well. Please keep him in our prayers as he recovers.*

Sybil Gaskill- *diagnosed with COVID*

Robin Haller- *Multiple Myeloma.*

Teresa Haynes- *is recovering from a knee surgery.*

Eula McKinney- *hospice care*

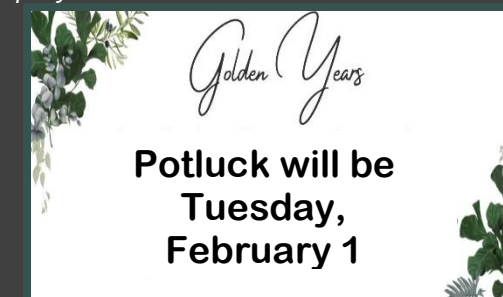
Hope Mosley- *is recovering from a knee surgery*

Rochelle Powers- *Under the weather, would appreciate prayers.*

Nathanael Smiths- *Mom & Dad both have Covid and it has hit them pretty hard.*

Raymond Stills *diagnosed with COVID*

Jeannie Wray- *Please keep Jeannie in your prayers.*



ONGOING

Jim Bennett - cancer
Mitch Dodson- cancer
Dawn Greer
Richard Jarrett
Cindy Johnson
Frank Mangrum
Johnny Matlock
T.J. Pulliam & Whitney
Brenda Patton
Gerald Sims
Julie Willhite - cancer
Jeannie Wray

RETIREMENT

CENTER/

NURSING

HOME/ASST. LIVING

Barbara Burlsworth.
Sybil Gaskil
Charlotte Gregory
Mike Eckhart
Retha Keener
Ruth Linch
Faye McLaughlin
Tippy Parker
Nelda Young Smith
Dale Thorne
Eloise Williams

AT HOME

Bob & Jane Brown
Mary Brown
Ann Cash

Herb & Barb
Gipson
Faye Kisner

Shirley Jordan
Frank Mangrum
Johnny Matlock

Funeral Dinner Coordinators

February

Glenda Curtis, Barb Kernodle and Sandra Johnson

Announcements

ANNOUNCEMENT

This Wednesday, January 26 the elders are planning a prayer service led by the Elders. The Elders are asking for prayers to be relayed to either them or the church office @ office@northside.email or call 870-741-3092. There will be no Bible Class this Wednesday evening. There will be a nursery for 4 years and under.

ADULT BIBLE CLASS SCHEDULE

FEBRUARY 6 - MAY 4

SUNDAY

10 AM- PROVERBS/ECC./ S. OF SOLOMON

Main Auditorium:

Ken Collins/ Richie Poe

Upstairs Auditorium:

Lynn Keener/Rick Quattlebaum
Young Adult * Activity Building:
Steve Powers/Larry Keener

WEDNESDAY NIGHT

Main Auditorium:

David Presley

"The Teachings of Jesus"

Upstairs Auditorium :
Ladies Class with various teachers
facilitated by Sandra Johnson

"Blessings in Christ"

Activity Building:

Cub Scott
Men's Class



EVENTS FOR YOUTH 7th-12th

TEEN DINNER- Teens will meet Feb. 2 and Feb. 16, at 5:30 before services for a dinner.

***This Friday is the last day to sign up for Christweens.**



Elder Announcement



COVID infection levels have risen in our area and the Elders feel it is necessary to adjust in order to maintain a reasonably safe environment for fellowship, study, and worship. On Sundays, we will return to individually packaged communion until the present level of infection in our community has improved. Although vaccination, mask wearing, and distancing from others has benefit in decreasing the risk of illness, not everyone is able or will choose to adopt these measures. We urge you to consult your medical provider to see if these measures and/or returning to online worship would be best in your family's specific situation. The Elders will be monitoring the local infection levels on a week to week basis. Again, please be active in prayer that our church family remains healthy, committed, and unified in purpose during this time. The Northside Elders